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To: Parties Interested in Developing a Comprehensive Monitoring Plan

From: Integrated Environmental Monitoring and Research Plan Steering Committee

Subject: Review of first draft report

On December 19, 1997 the CALFED Policy Group approved a joint proposal to develop an integrated environmental monitoring and research program (IEMRP) for CALFED and its member agencies. The proposal described a two-phase process to develop an IEMRP. In Phase I the Steering Committee has worked to develop a conceptual plan for an IEMRP that: (1) defines the relevant issues; (2) identifies the initial scope of effort; and (3) presents proposed tasks and associated funds recommended for the completion of Phase II.

We have solicited input and suggestions on how to improve this draft plan via a broadly distributed email. However, in the past you have personally expressed a desire to see better coordinated monitoring developed for the Central Valley. Thus, we are sending the enclosed hardcopy with a request for you to contact any member of the steering committee and help us to develop a program that will meet the needs of all parties. We will be presenting a final report to the CALFED Policy Group at its April 2, 1998 meeting. If you can comment by March 17, we will attempt to change the document before it is sent to the Policy Group on March 23. In any case, we would value your collaboration over the next nine months as we develop the program outlined in this report.

Sincerely,
The IEMRP Steering Committee

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